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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 STEPHANIE KOCH,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 GC SERVICES, L.P.

15 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 08 CV 1223 JAH RBB

**DEFENDANT GC SERVICES, L.P.'S
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

19 **COMES NOW** Defendant, G.C. SERVICES, L.P. ("Defendant"), appearing for itself
20 and for no other person, firm or entity, files its Answer to the Complaint of Plaintiff,
21 STEPHANIE KOCH ("Plaintiff"), an individual, by admitting, denying and alleging as
22 follows:

23 1. Answering Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, the allegations set forth are
24 conclusions of law and therefore, no response is required.

25 2. Answering Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, the allegations set forth are
26 conclusions of law and therefore, no response is required.

27 3. Answering Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Plaintiff
28 brought this action against Defendant. Defendant denies the remaining allegations therein.

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1 4. Answering Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, no response is required.

2 5. Answering Paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that this Court
3 generally has jurisdiction over claims arising under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), but denies that Plaintiff
4 has any such claim herein.

5 6. Answering Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations
6 therein.

7 7. Answering Paragraph 7 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that generally venue
8 would be proper if Plaintiff had a valid claim, but denies that Plaintiff has any claim herein.

9 8. Answering Paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
10 therein.

11 9. Answering Paragraph 9 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a
12 natural person. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as
13 to the truth of Plaintiff's remaining allegations, and, on that basis, denies each and every
14 allegation contained therein.

15 10. Answering Paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Plaintiff is a
16 natural person. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as
17 to the truth of Plaintiff's remaining allegations, and, on that basis, denies each and every
18 allegation contained therein.

19 11. Answering Paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations
20 therein.

21 12. Answering Paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations
22 therein.

23 13. Answering Paragraph 13 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations
24 therein.

25 14. Answering Paragraph 14 of the Complaint, Defendant is without knowledge or
26 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's allegations, and, on that
27 basis, denies each and every allegation contained therein.
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1 15. Answering Paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Defendant admits it called Plaintiff.
2 Defendant denies the remaining allegations therein.

3 16. Answering Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
4 therein.

5 17. Answering Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
6 therein.

7 18. Answering Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
8 therein.

9 19. Answering Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
10 therein.

11 20. Answering Paragraph 20 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
12 therein.

13 21. Answering Paragraph 21 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
14 therein.

15 22. Answering Paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations
16 therein.

17 23. Answering Paragraph 23 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Krohn &
18 Moss are Plaintiff's attorneys of record in this matter. Defendant is without knowledge or
19 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's remaining allegations, and,
20 on that basis, denies each and those allegations.
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22 24. Answering Paragraph 24 of the Complaint, Defendant hereby incorporates all of
23 the above paragraphs of this Answer as though fully stated herein

24 25. Answering Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
25 therein.

26 26. Answering Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
27 therein.

28 27. Answering Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Defendant hereby incorporates all of

1 the above paragraphs of this Answer as though fully stated herein.

2 28. Answering Paragraph 28 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
3 therein.

4 29. Answering Paragraph 29 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations
5 therein.

6 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

7 30. Answering Paragraph 30 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled
8 to the relief requested.

9 31. Answering Paragraph 31 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled
10 to the relief requested.

11 32. Answering Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled
12 to the relief requested.

13 33. Answering Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled to
14 the relief requested.

15 34. Answering Paragraph 34 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled to
16 the relief requested.

17 35. Answering Paragraph 35 of the Complaint, Defendant denies Plaintiff is entitled to
18 any other relief.

19 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 36. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that the Complaint, and each and
21 every purported cause of action contained therein, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause
22 of action.

23 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

24 37. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that the alleged actions of
25 defendants were proper and did not violate any provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et. seq.

26 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

27 38. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that at all times mentioned in
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1 the Complaint, Defendant acted lawfully and within its legal rights, with a good faith belief in the
2 exercise of that right, and in the furtherance of a legitimate business purpose. Further, Defendant
3 acted in good faith in the honest belief that the acts, conduct and communications, if any, of the
4 Defendant was justified under the circumstances based on information reasonably available to this
5 answering Defendant.

6 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

7 39. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that the alleged actions of the
8 Defendant were not accompanied by actual malice, intent or ill will.

9 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10 40. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that Defendant never engaged
11 in any conduct which would violate Plaintiff's privacy rights.

12 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

13 41. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant allege that Defendant's conduct,
14 communications and actions, if any, were privileged.

15 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 42. As a separate, affirmative defense, assuming arguendo that this Defendant
17 violated a statute alleged in the complaint, which presupposition the Defendant denies, such
18 violation was not intentional and resulted from a bona fide error, notwithstanding the
19 maintenance of procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such error.

20 **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 43. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that the Plaintiff is barred
22 from any recovery against this answering Defendant by the doctrine of laches.

23 **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

24 44. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that Plaintiff's cause of action
25 for Declaratory Relief is not available to private litigants under the Fair Debt Collection Practices
26 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.
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TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

45. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that if Plaintiff was damaged in any sum or sums alleged, which Defendant denies, then Plaintiff's damages are limited by 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k)(a)(1), § 1692(k)(a)(2)(A), § 1692(k)(a)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k)(b)(1).

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

46. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant alleges that Defendant's conduct, communications and actions, if any, were privileged pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k)c).

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

47. As a separate, affirmative defense, Defendant reserves the right to allege and assert any additional and/or further affirmative defenses as become apparent to Defendant during the course of this litigation.

WHEREFORE, this answering Defendant prays,

1. That Plaintiff take nothing by reason of his Complaint;
2. For judgment in favor of Defendant, and against Plaintiff;
3. For costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred; and
4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: July 25, 2008

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